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Timeline for Quality First

Quality First! Arizona Early Childhood Quality Improvement Rating System (QIRS)	
Implementation/Completion Date	Activity
Mid-August 2008	<i>Quality First!</i> Model sent to key reviewers for input
August 26, 2008	<i>Quality First!</i> Model and Implementation Plan presentation to FTF Board
September 1, 2008	Request for Grant Application (RFGA) process begins for Assessment, Coaching and Incentives
September 18, 2008	Wrap-up meetings with national consultant to discuss connections to other state quality initiatives
October 15, 2008	Begin statewide public awareness and outreach on <i>Quality First!</i> Model and Implementation Plan (community meetings, website, video, how to apply for providers)
November 1, 2008	Award of grants for Assessment and Coaching & Incentives
November 2008	Collaborative planning meeting among FTF and grantees to determine implementation details and initial orientation
November – December 2008	<i>Quality First!</i> information meetings targeted to providers and interested others throughout state
November 2008 – January 2009	Comprehensive training for <i>Quality First!</i> coaches, assessors, supervisors, and other staff
January 2009	Accept applications for <i>Quality First!</i> participation
February 2009	Initial pool of centers and providers selected for <i>Quality First!</i> participation Staff/Provider orientation meetings
February 2009	Coaching and initial Assessment begins
April 2009	Quality Improvement Plans completed; CCHC and TEACH integrated

Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC)	
Implementation/Completion Date	Activity
August 1, 2008	Finalize program elements and procedures for integration in Quality First
August 15, 2008	Develop scope of work for Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) to develop and implement CCHC System
December 1, 2008	Finalize ISA with provider with resources and skills to implement program
January 2009	Identification of CCHC cadre
January 2009	Orientation and training for <i>Quality First!</i> model and implementation
April 2009	Consultation begins for <i>Quality First!</i> providers
Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.)	
August 1, 2008	Initial Orientation of Evaluation Team Bidder's Conference
August 1, 2008	Begin Administrative Home Agency application process as facilitated by national TEACH
September 2, 2008	Completed proposals due
September 3, 2008	Proposals distributed to Evaluation Team for review
October 2, 2008	AZ TEACH Administrative Home Agency selected
October 2008	Advisory team convened by Administrative Home Agency to determine Arizona components; funding formulas (employer/employee/TEACH contribution); scholarship supports (percentage of tuition and books to be paid, amount of paid release time and reimbursement rate, travel reimbursement); amount and type of coursework to be covered; compensation for achieving milestones; and program repayment commitment required
October 2008 – January 2009	Administrative Home Agency, Advisory Committee and national TEACH to establish administrative and reporting procedures; hire staff; develop application and marketing materials; and, establish TEACH relationships with higher education institutions
January 2009	Orientation and training of TEACH staff on <i>Quality First</i> model and implementation
April 2009	TEACH integrated into <i>Quality First!</i> improvement plans and recipients awarded